

BOXER have worked on for years, are programs that, in most States, they are not even considering anymore.

Mr. DURBIN. Is it unfair, then, to bring this together and say if we are going to see this President continue to put unfunded mandates on schools and not put the Federal dollars into education, and we are going to see education cut back at the State and local level, that is going to lessen the opportunity for children to pick up the skills and education they want? This is no way to deal with an unemployment problem. Frankly, it is a way to guarantee that that problem is going to become chronic and long term because we are not investing in making young people productive and educated.

So the No Child Left Behind program and the unfunded mandate by the Bush White House really was lost to this whole argument about tax cuts. The President says we need tax cuts for jobs and growth. It just hasn't worked. As the Senator from Nevada reported today—I forget the number—it has been over 100 months since we have had such high unemployment.

Mr. REID. It has been 106 months.

Mr. DURBIN. So that is somewhere a little less than 9 years to go back to a period of time with the unemployment that high. It doesn't appear that the President's first tax cut has kicked in. If it has, it kicked a lot of people out of work. We ought to think long and hard about whether we continue down this path.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FITZGERALD). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Rockefeller amendment No. 976, provided that immediately following that vote and 2 minutes of debate equally divided, the Senate then proceed to vote in relation to the Bingaman amendment No. 984; further, at 2:15 there be 10 minutes equally divided prior to the vote in relation to the Dodd amendment No. 969, with no second-degree amendments in order to the above mentioned amendments prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY RICHARDSON

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Beverly Richardson of Hancock County, KY, for her legacy of service to others. Her contributions to our Commonwealth as director of the Hancock County Career Center have made all the difference in the lives of countless Kentuckians.

In 1997, when the Hancock County Career Center was initially established, Beverly Richardson, who is a proud Western Kentucky University graduate, took on the role as director, enabling her the opportunity to shape the lives of many unemployed individuals who are now working. Throughout her tenure as director, she has improved the lives of a variety of people from high school dropouts seeking to earn a general education degree, to unemployed workers in need of greater job skills to increase their competitiveness in the job market. The values and beliefs Beverly brought to the Hancock County Career Center aided her in facing the challenges she met and the opportunities each day brought as a coordinator of the center's activities.

While assisting Kentucky residents in gaining more job skills and greater confidence was a wonderful accomplishment in her life, no achievement was more notable than that of raising her four children with her husband Wendell. Together, they raised four college graduates who have paved career paths of their own and given her and Wendell many grandchildren.

Beverly Richardson's devotion to education and job training has improved the vitality of Kentucky's economy, enhanced the capabilities of so many workers, and strengthened the character of individuals and families. Employers and employees alike throughout Kentucky owe her a debt of gratitude. Her example should be emulated across America. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Ruth and voice her praises. She is Kentucky at its finest. •

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred at Fort Campbell, KY. A little after 3 in the morning on July 5, 1999, PFC Barry L. Winchell was forced outside his barracks where he was stationed and brutally beaten with a baseball bat by another Army private. Winchell died of his injuries the following day. Army officials and

sources close to Winchell believe that his death was motivated by antigay bias.

I believe Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well. •

HONORING FRANK A DUBOIS

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise before you today to pay respect and to commend the accomplishments of a great New Mexican.

Frank A. DuBois has given the past 30 years of his life serving the agricultural producers and citizens of New Mexico. His vision and philanthropic attitude is clear when looking back to the deeds accomplished by this great man.

On June 1st, Mr. DuBois retired from his position as director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture after 15 years. During this time, Mr. DuBois also served as cabinet secretary for four Governors. Throughout his tenure with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Frank worked as a field inspector, agricultural policy specialist, assistant director and, finally, director.

In addition to these great accomplishments, Frank also worked as my legislative assistant and then went on to serve as the Deputy Secretary for Land and Water Resources with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Frank has also dedicated a large part of his life to the rodeo. In fall 2000, Frank set up the DuBois Rodeo Scholarship to help aspiring rodeo athletes at New Mexico State University. To date, 18 students from NMSU have received financial aid to help them focus more on school and their rodeo activities, rather than having to worry about meeting the financial burdens of college life.

The most amazing aspect of Frank DuBois is that for the past 13 years, he has been living with multiple sclerosis. And yet this debilitating disease has not stopped Frank from accomplishing so much. In December 2000, Frank received the DreamMaker Award from the Going the Distance for MS Research Foundation. He was diagnosed with MS in 1990 but has not wavered in his dedication to the people he serves.

Frank's life should be an inspiration to us all. Even living with MS, Frank refuses to give in. He has received six prestigious awards for his unwavering dedication to New Mexico since 1995.

I could not stand here and talk about Frank without also honoring his loving wife Sharon, who has been on my staff for many years in my Las Cruces office. Sharon has stood beside her husband through the toughest of times. She has devoted her love and time to help Frank realize his dreams and